श्री शांता कुमार : सभापति जी, हमारे पास अन्न के भंडार भरे पड़े है और उस अन्न का सबसे पहला उपयोग हमने देश के गरीब आदमी के लिए किया है। महोदय, हमारे देश में गरीबी रेखा के नीचे जो 36 करोड़ लोग रहते है, उनको पहले 10 किलो अनाज प्रति परिवार दिया जाता है, उसे हमने 10 किलो से बढ़ाकर 20 किलो किया, फिर 20 किलो से बढ़ाकर 25 किलो किया, अब इसे 25 किलो से बढ़ाकर 35 किलो प्रति परिवार कर दिया है। इसके आलवा देश में जो 5 करोड़ सबसे गरीब लोग रहते हैं, उनके लिए अंत्योदय अन्न योजना के अंतर्गत हम 35 किलो अनाज, 2 रूपए प्रति किलो व्हीट और 3 रूपए प्रति किलो चावल के हिसाब देंगे। यह सूखाग्रस्त रदेंशो के लिए शुरू किया है। मैं कहता हूं कि काफी अधिक अन्न प्रदेशों को दिया है। आपने कहा है कि समस्या भंडारण की नहीं है। हमारे यहां सबसे बड़ी समस्या यह है कि हमे प्रदेशो को जितना खाधान्न गरीबों के लिए, आम आदमी के लिए अलोकेट कर रहे हैं, उतना ऑफ-टेक नहीं हो रहा है, उतना उठाया नहीं जा रहा है, उतना गांवो की राशन की दुकानो पर पहुंच नहीं जा रहा है। हम बार-बार प्रदेशों से कह रहे हैं कि उसको जल्दी पहुंचाने की कोशिश करें।.....(**व्यवधान**).....

श्रीमती सरोज दुबे : बिहार में इन्होने जो अन्न भेजा है उसको कोई भी उठा नहीं रहा

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS Revival or sick SSI units

†*524. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored the possibility of new capital investments in the existing sick units in the small scale industries sector with a view to revive them;

(b) if so, the additional capital required for revival of the sick industrial units by March, 2001; and

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(c) the capital investment made in these units so far and the capital invested by the public sector financial institutions.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units financed by the Scheduled Commercial banks. According to the RBI, the number of sick SSI units at the end of March, 2001 was 2,49,630 with an outstanding amount of Rs. 4505.54 crores. Among these, there were 13,076 potentially viable sick SSI units with an outstanding amount of Rs. 399.17 crores. Out of these 753 units have been put under nursing programme with an outstanding amount of Rs. 120.29 crores. The rehabilitation package for each potentially viable sick SSI unit is determind by the concerned bank after discussion with the entrepreneur concerned and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the RBI on 17th April, 1993 and 3rd July, 1993 for extending relief/concessions for revival of such units. These guidelines have since been revised by the RBI of 16th January, 2002.

South Korean cooperation

†*525. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the issues/subjects discussed for cooperation in the field of defence, commerce, finance and information technology during his recent visit to South Korea;

(b) whether cooperation of South Korea to combat terrorism was also solicited during the visit;

(c) if so, South Korea's reaction thereto; and

(d) the existing percentage of trade between India and South Korea and the agenda framed in the talks to boost the same?

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